

Please Amend Claims 1 and 19, as shown.

Please add new Claims 26-33.

1. (Currently Amended) A wheeled skate and an article of footwear comprising a locking mechanism assembly for removably securing said article of footwear to said wheeled skate, said locking mechanism assembly comprising a footwear portion of said locking mechanism assembly secured to said article of footwear, and a skate portion of said locking mechanism assembly secured to said wheeled skate, wherein said footwear portion of said locking mechanism assembly comprises a bicycle cleat portion of a bicycle cleat locking apparatus, whereby said article of footwear can be removably secured in functional relation to a bicycle pedal including a compatible pedal portion of said bicycle cleat locking apparatus, and alternatively, to said wheeled skate comprising said skate portion of locking mechanism assembly.
2. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate and article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein said footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly and said skate portion of locking mechanism assembly comprise compatible male and female components.
3. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate and article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein said footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly, and said skate portion of locking mechanism assembly, and said pedal portion of said bicycle cleat locking apparatus are hermaphroditic.
4. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 1, comprising an in-line wheeled skate.
5. (Withdrawn)
6. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate and article of footwear according to claim 1, further including fastening means for removably securing the rearfoot of said article of footwear to said wheeled skate.

7. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 1, further comprising a rotatable brake pad including a peripheral portion which is orientated to engage a skating surface supporting said wheeled skate when said medial side of said wheeled skate is inclined inwardly.

8. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 7, comprising a renewable wear surface for engagement with said rotatable brake pad.

9. (Withdrawn)

10. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 7, wherein said rotatable brake pad is oval.

11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 7, further comprising a longitudinal axis, wherein said rotatable brake pad is configured for rotation substantially parallel with respect to the longitudinal axis of said wheeled skate.

13. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 7, further including a chassis, wherein at least a portion of said peripheral portion of said rotatable brake pad is engaged with a portion of said chassis of said wheeled skate.

14. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 7, wherein said rotatable brake pad is secured by a brake pad retainer, and said rotatable brake pad and said brake pad retainer are removable and renewable.

15. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 14, and a ground support surface, said wheeled skate further comprising a chassis having a platform and an inferior portion, said rotatable brake pad and said brake pad retainer extending between a position near said inferior portion of said chassis and said platform at an angle in the range between 25-45 degrees.

16. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 1, further comprising a

removable front brake pad extending at least to the anterior side of said wheeled skate, and also a removable rear brake pad extending at least to the posterior side of said wheeled skate.

17. (Withdrawn)

18. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 1, further comprising an anterior chassis portion, a posterior chassis portion, and fastening means, whereby said longitudinal length of said wheeled skate is adjustable.

19. (Currently Amended) A wheeled skate having a plurality of wheels for rolling upon a skating surface comprising a chassis comprising a longitudinal axis and a medial side, and a rotatable brake pad mounted to a brake pad ~~support~~retainer, said rotatable brake pad being orientated to engage said skating surface supporting said wheeled skate when said medial side of said wheeled skate is inclined inwardly, wherein said rotatable brake pad is located exterior to said medial side of said chassis, and said rotatable brake pad rotates substantially parallel with respect to said longitudinal axis of said wheeled skate and independently of said plurality of wheels, when said medial side of said wheeled skate is inclined inwardly.

20. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, wherein said rotatable brake pad comprises an oval brake pad.

21. (Previously Presented) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, said wheeled skate including a chassis having a middle, wherein said rotatable brake pad is positioned at said middle of said chassis on said medial side.

22. (Previously Presented) A wheeled skate comprising a chassis having a medial side, and an article of footwear, said wheeled skate further comprising a rotatable brake pad including a peripheral portion which is orientated to engage a skating surface supporting said wheeled skate when said medial side of said wheeled skate is inclined inwardly, said rotatable brake pad located exterior to said medial side of said chassis, said wheeled skate and said article of footwear further comprising a locking mechanism assembly for removably securing said article of footwear to said wheeled skate, said locking mechanism assembly comprising a footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly secured to said article of footwear, and said chassis comprising a

compatible skate portion of locking mechanism assembly, wherein said footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly comprises a bicycle cleat portion of a bicycle cleat locking apparatus, whereby said article of footwear can be removably secured in functional relation to a bicycle pedal including a compatible pedal portion of said bicycle cleat locking apparatus, and alternatively, to said chassis comprising said compatible skate portion of locking mechanism assembly.

23. (Previously Presented) A wheeled skate, and an article of footwear comprising an anterior side, a posterior side, a medial side, a lateral side, a superior side, an inferior side, a forefoot, and a rearfoot, said wheeled skate and said article of footwear comprising a locking mechanism assembly for removably securing said forefoot of said article of footwear to said wheeled skate, said locking mechanism assembly comprising a footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly secured to said inferior side of said forefoot of said article of footwear, said wheeled skate comprising a compatible skate portion of locking mechanism assembly, whereby said forefoot of said article of footwear can be removably secured to said wheeled skate, said wheeled skate further comprising means for removably securing said rearfoot of said article of footwear to said wheeled skate, said means comprising a rearfoot retainer flange which encompasses a portion of said medial, said lateral, and said posterior sides of said article of footwear when said forefoot of said article of footwear is removably secured to said wheeled skate and said rearfoot of said article of footwear is positioned within said rearfoot retainer flange, said rearfoot of said article of footwear being further removably secured by fastening means to said rearfoot retainer flange, wherein said footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly comprises a bicycle cleat portion of a bicycle cleat locking apparatus, whereby said article of footwear can be removably secured to a bicycle pedal including a compatible pedal portion of said bicycle cleat locking apparatus, and alternatively, to said chassis of said wheeled skate comprising said skate portion of locking mechanism assembly.

24. (Withdrawn)

25. (Withdrawn)

26. (New) A wheeled skate, and an article of footwear comprising an anterior side, a posterior side, a medial side, a lateral side, a superior side, an inferior side, a forefoot, and a rearfoot, said wheeled skate and said article of footwear comprising a locking mechanism assembly for

removably securing said forefoot of said article of footwear to said wheeled skate, said locking mechanism assembly comprising a footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly secured to said inferior side of said forefoot of said article of footwear, said wheeled skate comprising a compatible skate portion of locking mechanism assembly, whereby said forefoot of said article of footwear can be removably secured to said wheeled skate, said wheeled skate further comprising means for removably securing said rearfoot of said article of footwear to said wheeled skate, said means comprising a rearfoot retainer flange which encompasses a portion of said medial, said lateral, and said posterior sides of said article of footwear when said forefoot of said article of footwear is removably secured to said wheeled skate and said rearfoot of said article of footwear is positioned within said rearfoot retainer flange, wherein said footwear portion of locking mechanism assembly comprises a bicycle cleat portion of a bicycle cleat locking apparatus, whereby said article of footwear can be removably secured to a bicycle pedal including a compatible pedal portion of said bicycle cleat locking apparatus, and alternatively, to said chassis of said wheeled skate comprising said skate portion of locking mechanism assembly.

27. (New) The wheeled skate and article of footwear according to claim 26, wherein said rearfoot of said article of footwear is removably secured by said fastening means to said rearfoot retainer flange.

28. (New) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, comprising a renewable wear surface for engagement with said rotatable brake pad.

29. (New) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, wherein at least a portion of the peripheral portion of said rotatable brake pad is engaged with a portion of said chassis of said wheeled skate.

30. (New) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, wherein said rotatable brake pad is secured by a brake pad retainer, and said rotatable brake pad and said brake pad retainer are removable and renewable.

31. (New) The wheeled skate according to claim 30, and a ground support surface, said wheeled skate further comprising a chassis having a platform and an inferior portion, said rotatable brake pad and said brake pad retainer extending between a position near said inferior portion of said

chassis and said platform at an angle in the range between 25-45 degrees.

32. (New) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, further comprising a removable front brake pad extending at least to the anterior side of said wheeled skate, and also a removable rear brake pad extending at least to the posterior side of said wheeled skate.

33. (New) The wheeled skate according to claim 19, further comprising an anterior chassis portion; a posterior chassis portion, and fastening means, whereby said longitudinal length of said wheeled skate is adjustable.